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The Department of State has no legitimate role in enforcing "the biological reality of sex," as stated in E.O. 14168. Moreover, requiring an applicant to submit their sex assigned at birth rather than their current gender serves no legitimate purpose on a passport--the whole point of the identifying information on a passport is that it is up-do-date so that the passport-holder can be identified as they are *now*.

This proposed change would accomplish nothing beyond effectuating arbitrary cruelty toward vulnerable minority groups, degrading the US's moral legitimacy and further undermining our standing on the world stage. This proposed rule represents a perversion of the US State Department--and a shameful waste of public resources.